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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

CONRAY G. WHARFF

Clerk and Treasurer

DWIGHT L. DIMOCK

Selectmen

CHARLES L. BARNES

CURTIS V. DUNN

FRANCIS J. COYNE

Tax Collector

HERMAN O. SCHULZE

Auditor

VIRGINIA MILLER

Highway Agents

IRVIN SPEAR

ARTHUR WILLIAMS

Section 1 and 3

Section 2

Supervisors of Checklist

SAMUEL H. DAVIS

ALICE B. DIMOCK

HAROLD C. MILLER

Ballot Clerks

MILDRED WHARFF

DELMORE P. NOBLE

LILLIAN VALYOU

GEORGE P. MERRIAM

Library Trustees

ALICE S. BERRY

GERTRUDE F. HOUGHTON

C. W. ANDERSON

Trustees of Trust Funds

CONRAY G. WHARFF FRANCIS J. COYNE
CHARLES L. BARNES

Trustees of Cemeteries

CONRAY G. WHARFF CARL VALYOU
MARION B. DUNN

Police Chief

CARL V. VALYOU

Special Officer

RONALD I. HARRY

Health Officer

CONRAY G. WHARFF

Librarian

PAULE D. ELLIOTT

Fire Warden

CHARLES L. BARNES

Deputy Wardens

JAMES BELL WALTER I. BARNES
FRED L. BROWN GUY P. WASHBURN

Janitor

CONRAY G. WHARFF

Sexton

CONRAY G. WHARFF

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Mason in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, the 11th day of March next, nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.
3. To choose one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years.
4. To choose one Trustee of the cemeteries for three years.
5. To choose one Trustee of the Mason Public Library for three years.
6. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for library purposes.
7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,400.00 for repairs of highways and bridges, in order to obtain State Aid for Class V Highways in the amount of \$2,197.00.
8. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$402 for Town Road Aid, in order to obtain State Aid

for maintenance, construction, or reconstruction of Class V highways in the amount of \$2,241.65.

9. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for care of cemeteries.

10. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for Memorial Day purposes.

11. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for street lighting.

13. To see if the town will vote a discount on full or partial payments of taxes and fix the date of payment of same, or take any action relating thereto.

14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to insure employees of the town or take any action relating thereto.

15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be spent in co-operation with the State Forestry Department for White Pine Blister Rust Control.

16. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to sell real estate bought by the town at tax sale, provided they sell it only to the last former owner, and provided the sale price is sufficient to reimburse the town for all taxes and for all expense to which it has been put; or will take any action relating thereto.

17. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to sell real estate owned by the town at prices which, in their

judgment, are fair and equitable; or will take any action relating thereto.

18. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$26.00 for the Monadnock Region Association of Southern New Hampshire; or will take any action relating thereto.

19. To hear the reports of agents, auditors and committees, and officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

20. To see if town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting, and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the perpetual care of the Cemetery Lot of Thomas Rhodes, who with no thought of remuneration, planted on the Common the trees which have added to the attractiveness of the town.

22. To see if the town will vote to accept from the Cumnock Heirs the sum of one hundred sixty dollars for the perpetual care of the Robert L. Cumnock Cemetery Lot.

23. To see if the town will vote to accept from the estate of Louise E. Davis the sum of One Hundred Dollars, for the perpetual care of the Charles T. Reed Cemetery Lot.

24. To see if the town will earmark \$500.00 from the combined appropriations in Articles 7 and 8 above, for graveling and tarring Class V roads, and designate at which location such money shall be spent.

25. To see if the town will confirm the action of the selectmen in the matter of purchase of the tractor-plow, or take any other action thereto. The plow is now on a lease-purchase arrangement; sale price is \$2,500.00; \$1,000.00 has been deposited either against purchase or to be refund-

ed after deducting wear and tear for the current winter season. If decision is to complete purchase, town should instruct selectmen as to number of serial notes to issue. The current budget includes \$800.00 for the first year payment.

26. If vote of town on article 25 above is to purchase tractor-plow, to see if town will raise money to buy a tarpaulin cover for same, or make other housing arrangements.

27. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to secure the assistance of the State Tax Commission in reappraising the taxable property in the town in order to secure greater equality as between taxpayers, and to assure the assessment of all property in the town on the same standard of value, and to raise and appropriate money to pay for the same.

28. To see if the town will take action, and appropriate a sum of money, to provide toilets in the town hall, to conform with the State Law.

29. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to include a copy of the tax invoice book in the 1948 town report.

Town Meeting to open at 9 o'clock in the forenoon.

Polls close at 12.30 P. M.

CHARLES L. BARNES

CURTIS V. DUNN

FRANCIS J. COYNE

Selectmen of Mason

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CHARLES L. BARNES

CURTIS V. DUNN

FRANCIS J. COYNE

Selectmen of Mason

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE WITH ACTUAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES OF THE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1946	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1947	Increase	Decrease
FROM STATE:				
Interest and Dividends				
Tax	128.13	128.13		
Railroad Tax	262.15	262.15		
Savings Bank Tax	212.91	212.91		
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	50.10	50.10		
FROM LOCAL SOURCES				
EXCEPT TAXES:				
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	35.00	100.00	65.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	305.23	305.23		
AMOUNT RAISED BY ISSUE OF BONDS OR NOTES:				
Wilton National Bank, Purchase of Tractor Plow		1,000.00		1,000.00
†Cash Surplus		1,969.19		1,969.19
FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES:				
(a) Poll Taxes—				
Regular @ \$2	234.00	234.00		
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROP- ERTY TAXES				
	4,196.71	1,292.52	65.00	2,969.19
*AMT. TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES				
	12,865.18	13,025.83		
TOTAL REVENUES				
	17,061.89	14,318.35		

†Cash Surplus equals Excess of actual Cash on Hand at close of fiscal year over Current Liabilities i.e., Balance of Appropriation due School District, Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes and Accounts Payable.

*Total estimated "Revenues from All Sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total estimated "Expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes."

OF MASON, N. H.

ENSUING YEAR JAN. 1, 1947 TO DEC. 31, 1947 COMPARED
PREVIOUS YEAR JAN 1, 1946 TO DEC. 31, 1946

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual Expend- itures	Year 1946	Estimated Expend- itures Ensuing Year 1947	Increase	Decrease
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:					
Town Officers' Salaries	805.33		1,000.00	194.67	
Town Officers' Expenses	522.00		500.00		22.00
Election and Registration Expenses	178.00		85.00		93.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	249.76		250.00	.24	
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:					
Police Department	25.00		25.00		
Fire Department	12.40		50.00	37.60	
HEALTH:					
Vital Statistics	12.50		8.00		4.50
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:					
Town Maintenance:					
Summer	1,136.50		1,400.00	263.50	
Winter	2,533.83		2,500.00		33.83
Street Lighting	75.60		75.60		
General Expenses of					
Highway Department	272.55		300.00	27.45	
Town Road Aid	761.29		402.00		359.29
Workmens' Insurance	233.29		250.00	16.71	
LIBRARIES:	125.00		125.00		
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:					
PUBLIC WELFARE:					
Town Poor	—0—		100.00	100.00	
Old Age Assistance	688.51		700.00	11.49	
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:					
Memorial Day and Vet- erans' Associations	100.00		25.00		75.00
RECREATION:					
Parks and Playgrounds, incl. band concerts	21.00		20.00		1.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:					
Cemeteries	109.06		150.00	40.94	
UNCLASSIFIED:					
Advertising and Regional Association	25.00		26.00	1.00	
INTEREST:					
On Temporary Loan	62.59		100.00	37.41	
New Equipment	1,000.00		800.00		200.00
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:					
County Taxes	1,210.04		1,250.00	39.96	
Payments to School Districts	4,087.72		4,176.75	89.03	
Total expenditure	14,246.97		14,318.35	860.00	788.62

VALUATION

Land and Buildings	203,921.75
Growing Wood and Timber	45,102.75
2 Electric Plants	6,100.00
16 Horses	1,375.00
81 Cows	8,840.00
4 Neat Stock	265.00
2 Goats	20.00
3851 Fowls	4,245.00
2 Fur Bearing Animals	30.00
4 Portable Mills	1,800.00
Wood and Lumber	863.00
1 Gasoline Pump and Tank	25.00
1 Stock in Trade	600.00
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Total valuation	273,187.50
Less for soldiers' exemptions	5,163.00
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Net valuation	268,024.50

APPROPRIATIONS

Made at Town Meeting March 12, 1946

Town officers' salaries	1,000.00
Town officers' expenses	425.00
Election and registration expenses	230.00
Town hall and other town buildings	100.00
Police department	25.00
Fire department	50.00
Vital statistics	15.00
General expenses of highway dept.	250.00
Town road aid	350.00
Workmens' insurance	250.00
Town Poor	100.00
Old age assistance	600.00

Interest	50.00
County taxes	1,210.00
Winter road maintenance	4,000.00
Parks and playgrounds	20.00

Total for town charges	8,675.00
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Town maintenance—summer roads	1,200.00
Library	125.00
Cemeteries	150.00
Memorial Day	100.00
Street lighting	75.60
Flameproof town hall stage curtains	35.00
Monadnock Region Ass'n.	25.00
School tax	3,556.00

Total town and school appropriations	13,941.60
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TAXES AND RATES

Tax rate per \$100 valuation \$4.80

Assessors' net valuation 268,024.50

Appropriations	13,941.60
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Less estimated revenues and credits:

Interest and dividend tax	128.77
Railroad tax	265.58
Savings Bank tax	168.22
Reimbursement—State lands	47.68
Motor vehicle permit fees	204.39
Rent of town property	25.00
Cash surplus	151.09

990.73	990.73
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12,950.87

Plus overlay	154.31
Net amount to be raised by taxation	13,105.18
Less poll taxes @ \$2.00	240.00
Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured	12,865.18
Taxes committed to Collector:	
Property taxes	12,865.18
Poll taxes @ \$2.00	240.00
	13,105.18

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1946

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation	*Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Overdrawn
Town Officers' Salaries	1,000.00		1,000.00	805.33 ⁷	194.67	
Town Officers' Expenses	425.00		425.00	522.00		97.00
Election and Registration Expenses	230.00		230.00	178.00	52.00	
Town Hall, etc.	100.00		100.00	214.76		114.76
Police Department	25.00		25.00	25.00		
Fire Department	50.00		50.00	12.40	37.60	
Vital Statistics	15.00		15.00	12.50	2.50	
Gen. Exp. Highway Dept.	250.00		250.00	272.55		22.55
Town Road Aid (Turnpike)	350.00		350.00	761.29		411.29
Workmens' Insurance	250.00		250.00	233.29	16.71	
Town Poor	100.00		100.00		100.00	
Old Age Assistance	600.00		600.00	688.51		88.51
Interest	50.00		50.00	62.59		12.59
County Taxes	1,210.00		1,210.00	1,210.04		.04
Winter Road Maintenance	4,000.00		4,000.00	2,533.83	1,466.17	
Parks and Playgrounds	20.00		20.00	21.00		1.00
Total for Town Charges	8,675.00		8,675.00	7,516.34		

Town Road Maintenance—Summer	1,200.00	2,301.20†	3,501.20	3,437.70	63.50
Library	125.00		125.00	125.00	
Cemeteries	150.00		150.00	109.06	40.94
Memorial Day	100.00		100.00	100.00	
Street Lighting	75.60		75.60	75.60	
Monadnock Region Ass'n.	25.00		25.00	25.00	
Flameproof Town Hall stage curtains	35.00		35.00	35.00	
New Show Equipment	1,000.00*		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Totals	11,385.60		13,686.80	12,460.45	1,974.09
					747.74
			Net Unexpended Bal.		1,226.35

* Up to \$7,500 appropriated

† \$381.79 has been carried last year as a liability in financial report.

‡ From State of N. H. for Class V Roads.

§ Includes \$25 to D.L. Dimock, carried as a liability last year.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF MASON IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

For the Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31, 1946

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from the official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

CHARLES L. BARNES

CURTIS V. DUNN

FRANCIS J. COYNE

Selectmen

DWIGHT L. DIMOCK

Treasurer

ASSETS

Cash in bank and on hand Jan. 1, 1947	4,648.59
Deposit with R. C. Hazelton Co. for tractor-plow lease-purchase	1,000.00
Taxes bought by the Town, unredeemed	199.10
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1945	5.00
Levy of 1946	1,207.96
	<hr/> 1,212.96
Due from Grange for rent of Town Hall	25.00
Due from State for bounties paid	31.50
	<hr/> 7,117.15

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by the town:—

Due to school district:—

For dog licenses	123.40
Balance of appropriation (3556.00)-	2,556.00
Note to Wilton National Bank:	
For tractor-play lease-purchase	1,000.00
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	3,679.40
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)	3,437.75

7,117.15

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
1. Town Hall, land and buildings	3,500.00
Furniture and equipment	1,000.00
2. Libraries, furniture and equipment	1,000.00
3. Fire Department, equipment	100.00
4. Highway department, land and bldgs.	300.00
5. Equipment & Tractor Plow Deposit	1,500.00
6. Schools, lands and buildings	5,000.00
7. Equipment	1,000.00
8. All lands and buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:	
8 acres Hall land	50.00
20 acres Walter Robbins lot	50.00
12 acres Henry Barrett lot	25.00
5 acres Shattuck lot	15.00
150 acres Upton pasture	450.00
125 acres Mitchel pasture	400.00
15 acres part of Farwell Farm	30.00
180 acres part of S. M. Barrett place	750.00
60 acres Hunt & Proctor lot	150.00
9. All other property and equipment:	
22 acres Lucy J. Lawrence lot	100.00
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Total	15,420.00
Same as last year, except Item 5, Equipment and Tractor Plow Deposit	\$1,500

SCHEDULE OF STATE PROPERTY

Description	Taxed Value
20 acres Pratt Pond lot	100.00
21 acres Abbott meadow	105.00
25 acres Kimball lot	200.00
273 acres Pratt Pond lot	1,638.00
60 acres Kimball and Crane lot	300.00
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399 acres	2,343.00

The town was reimbursed for a partial tax in the amount of \$50.10.

DOG TAX REPORT

56 taxes submitted for collection.

56 taxes collected.

Report of Receipts

9 female dogs	45.00
7 spayed female dogs	14.00
40 male dogs	80.00
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Total collected	139.00

Respectfully submitted,

DWIGHT L. DIMOCK

Town Clerk

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Licensed Dogs:

Number of dogs licensed (56)	139.00
Gross receipts	139.00
Paid Town Treasurer	139.00

Payments:

Town Clerk's fees	11.20	
Dog tags	4.40	
		15.60

Balance due School Board 123.40

Auto Permits:

Auto permits, 1945 (1)	0.66	
Auto permits, 1946 (129)	304.57	
Total (130)		305.23
Paid Town Treasurer		305.23

Respectfully submitted

DWIGHT L. DIMOCK,

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Herman O. Schulze, Tax Collector

1944 Taxes

Uncollected Taxes	74.00	
Interest Collected	11.16	
Costs Collected	5.64	
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Remitted to Treasurer:		
Property Tax	18.50	
Interest	2.77	
Costs	2.52	
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	23.79	
Tax Bought by the Town	67.01	
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1945 Taxes

Uncollected Taxes:		
Property Taxes	1,255.97	
Regular Polls @ \$2.00	42.00	
Special Polls @ \$3.00	66.00	
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	1,363.97	
1 added poll	5.00	
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	1,368.97	
Abatements	15.00	
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	1,353.97	
Interest Collected	25.70	
Costs Collected	4.74	
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Paid to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	1,100.40	
Interest and Costs	30.44	
Polls	93.00	
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	1,223.84	
Taxes Bought by the town	155.57	
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	1,379.41	
Uncollected Tax	5.00	
	<hr/>	1,384.41
	1946 Taxes	
Property Tax	12,865.20	
Poll Taxes @ \$2.00 regular	240.00	
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	13,105.20	
Added Taxes:		
2 Polls @ \$2.00	4.00	
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	13,109.20	
Interest Collected	1.41	
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	13,110.61	13,110.61
Remitted to Treasurer:		
Interest	1.41	
Property Taxes	11,558.31	
Poll Taxes	194.00	
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	11,753.72	
Discount Allowed	138.93	
Uncollected Taxes:		
Property Taxes	1,167.96	
Poll Taxes	40.00	
Abatements	10.00	
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	13,110.61	13,110.61

Tax Sales Redeemed

	1945	1944	
Ray Akerman (part of Carlton Farrar Tax)	12.20		
Harry Tighe Heirs	51.85		
Nelson Graves' Heirs		11.74	
Alice Berry		67.01	
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	64.05	78.75	
		64.05	
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		142.80	142.80
Remitted to Treasurer			142.80

TAXES BOUGHT BY THE TOWN

	1944	1945	
Alice Berry	66.37*	94.73	
Harry Tighe heirs		51.85*	
Effie Sawtelle		17.76	
Carlton Farrar		19.15†	
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		183.49	
		66.73	
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		250.22	250.22
Remitted to Treasurer			250.22

* Redeemed

† Partially redeemed by Ray Akerman

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

1945 Tax

Paul Berry	5.00
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1946 Tax

RESIDENT

	Property	Poll
Grover Blanch	7.20	2.00
Winfred Blanch		2.00
Paul Berry		2.00
Alice Berry	87.60	2.00
Fred Brown		2.00*
Eardley Crosscup	112.27	2.00
Lulu Crosscup		2.00
Mary Davis heirs	56.64	
Orvan Elliott	21.84	
Helen Flagg		2.00†
F. J. Coyne (Flogg property)	62.16	
Anna Kivimaki		2.00*
Oiva W. Murto	57.60	
Helvi Murto		2.00
Ida M. Nicolson	62.50	
Earl Aulton	133.20	†
Mary Aulton		2.00
William Rajala	136.75	
Mary Spear		2.00
Helen Sargent	32.04	2.00†
Harry Tighe heirs	50.40	
Porter Washburn	24.00	
Laila Washburn		2.00†
Delmore P. Noble		2.00*
Florence Barnes		2.00
Frank Conley		2.00†
Margaret Conley		2.00†
Marion Conley		2.00

Charles Butler	2.00*
Nellie Doucette	2.00†
Alfred Elliott	2.00
Herman Kolehmainen	2.00*
Robert Trempe	2.00
Mrs. Robert Trempe	2.00

NON - RESIDENT

	Property
Frances Boucher	6.00
William Cavanaugh	2.40
Timothy Coffey heirs	8.40
Alfred Chouinard	3.60
Herbert Colson	7.20
Arthur Davis	57.60
John Elliott	14.40
John Enright	7.20
Carlton Farrar	6.00
Arnold Hannah	4.80†
Harlan and Jos. Hill heirs	16.80†
Benj. F. Heald	33.60
Bertha Jackson	1.20†
James Lorretti	2.88
Charles F. McKhann	9.60†
Lewis Murphy	19.20
Myra Nutting	.48
H. O. Pitman	7.20†
Houghton Priest	4.32†
Paul Richenberg	14.40
Effie Sawtelle	14.40
John Swen	34.08
John Somero	1.20†
Walter Weston heirs	27.60†
Grace Wright	9.60
Marion Ziller	9.60†

* Abated

† Paid since end of fiscal year

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Cash on hand January 1, 1946	3,723.00
Tax Collector, 1944-1945,	
Tax redemptions	142.80
Tax Collector, 1944 taxes	23.79
Tax Collector, 1945 taxes	1,223.84
Tax Collector, 1946 taxes	11,753.72
Tax Collector, taxes bought by the town	250.22
State of New Hampshire,	
Savings Bank tax	212.91
State of New Hampshire,	
Interest and Dividend tax	128.13
State of New Hampshire,	
Railroad tax	262.15
State of New Hampshire,	
Fire Reimbursement	5.45
State of New Hampshire,	
Bounty Reimbursement	23.50
State of New Hampshire,	
Class V Roads	2,301.20
State of New Hampshire,	
Forest Land	50.10
Selectmen, Rent of Town Hall,	
Grange	35.00
Selectmen, Rent of Town Hall,	
C. Warren	5.00
Selectmen, Rent of Town Hall,	
I. Spear	2.00
Selectmen, Rent of Town Hall,	
H. Miller	2.00
Town Clerk, auto permits	305.23
Town Clerk, dog taxes	139.00
Selectmen, temporary loans	5,000.00

Selectmen, loan on tractor lease	1,000.00	
		22,866.04
		26,589.04
Bank debit, interest on loans	36.75	
Selectmen orders paid	21,903.70	
		21,940.45
Cash on hand January 1, 1947		4,648.59

Respectfully submitted

DWIGHT L. DIMOCK

Town Treasurer

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

(1) Expense Items, to be paid by taxation (except State Aid, Class V Roads).

Town Officers' salaries	805.33
Town Officers' expenses	522.00
Election and registration	178.00
Town hall	249.76
Police department	25.00
Fire department	12.40
Vital statistics	8.00
Summer roads	3,437.70
Winter roads	2,533.83
Street lighting	75.60
General expenses, highway dept.	272.55
Library	125.00
Old Age Assistance	688.51
Memorial Day	100.00
Parks and playgrounds	21.00
Cemeteries	109.06
Interest	62.59
State aid construction	761.29
Monadnock Region Ass'n.	25.00
Workmen's Insurance	233.29

County tax	1,210.04	
School district	4,000.00	
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		15,455.95
(2) Other payments:		
Bounties, reimbursed by State	31.00	
Vital statistics, for 1945 year	4.50	
Coll. of Int. Revenue, for payroll		
tax withheld	34.50	
Taxes bought by the town	250.22	
New equipment, tractor plow	1,000.00	
Temporary loans	5,000.00	
State Treas., for \$3 special polls	102.56	
School District, from dog tax	87.72	
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		6,510.50
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		21,966.45

DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:

Charles L. Barnes, selectman	154.00	
Francis J. Coyne, selectman	117.75	
Curtis V. Dunn, selectman	169.00	
D. L. Dimock, Town Clerk & Treasurer	175.00	
		(\$25 from 1945)
Herman O. Schulze, tax collector	150.00	
Conray G. Wharff, Tr. of Tr. funds	20.00	
Virginia Miller, auditor	19.58	
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		805.33

Town Officers' Expenses:

Constance Egan, Extend tax book		15.00
Herman O. Schulze, tax collector		
Tax sale costs	36.07	
Postage	11.00	
Tax collectors' meeting	9.50	
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		56.57
D. L. Dimock, Town Clerk and Treasurer		
Postage and supplies	12.80	
Auto permit fees	31.75	
Dog permit fees	8.60	
Election expense	3.00	
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		56.15
Curtis V. Dunn, Selectman		
Telephone and postage	4.44	
Assessors' meeting	11.75	
Mileage assessing and telephone	11.80	
Transportation to meetings	6.00	
Entering tax invoice book	22.00	
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		55.99
Charles L. Barnes—Selectman		
Assessors' meetings		11.75
Mason Village Savings Bank		
Safe deposit box rental		3.60
Times Free Press Co.		
Printing Town Reports	143.03	
Printing Ballots	8.00	
Printing Tax Forms	14.00	
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		165.03
Tracy A. Eaton, stamps		13.92
Edson C. Eastman Co.		
Dog tags	4.40	
Appointment blanks	2.10	
Treasurer's cash book sheets	2.19	
Check vouchers	16.24	
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		24.93

Henry P. Gainey		
Tax collectors bond	10.00	
Town clerk and treasurers bonds	15.00	
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		25.00
Chase's Book Store		
Tax collector's stationery		12.30
Donat Corriveau, Register		
Records of deeds and mortgages		5.66
Register tax redemptions		.25
Wilfred Corriveau		
Furnishing 5 names		.50
Henry E. Howard Ins. Agency		
Trustees of Tr. Funds Bonds		60.00
Margaret Garrigan		
Compute tax book		10.00
N. H. Tax Collectors' Ass'n.		
1946 dues		2.00
N. H. Town Clerks' Ass'n.		
1946 dues		2.00
Brown and Sultmarsh		
Payroll sheets		1.35
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Total		522.00

Election and Registration

Samuel H. Davis, supervisor	34.00
Alice B. Dimock, supervisor	28.00
Harold C. Miller, supervisor	6.00
George P. Merriam, ballot clerk	12.00
Lillian B. Valyou, ballot clerk	6.00
Delmore P. Noble, ballot clerk	12.00
Conray G. Wharff, ballot clerk	12.00
Mildred Wharff, ballot clerk	6.00
Charles L. Barnes, selectman	12.00
Curtis V. Dunn, selectman	6.00
Francis J. Coyne, selectman	6.00
D. L. Dimock, town clerk	12.00
Charles L. Blake, moderator	12.00

Carl Valyou, police	12.00
D. L. Dimock, postage and supplies	2.00

Total	178.00
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Town Hall

Fred Brown, 1 cord wood	18.00
Curtis V. Dunn, 1½ cord wood	27.00
Greenville Electric Light Co.	30.24
John Robichaud	
Light for selectmens' room	13.09
Rhea Williams, electric bulbs	1.00
Tracy A. Eaton, insurance for 3 years	75.00
C. L. Haskell, flameproof curtains	35.00
C. G. Wharff, clean up old singles	5.60
Frank Newell, clean up old shingles	4.90
C. G. Wharff, janitor service	39.93

Total	249.76
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Police Department

Estate of Wm. Bowes, for 1945-1946	25.00	25.00
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Fire Department

Charles L. Barnes, Fire Wardens meeting	5.00
James Bell, Fire Warden and transport.	7.40

Total	12.40
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Bounties

Carl Valyou	6.00
Richard Spear	.50
Frank Newell	1.00
Charles Barnes II	1.00
Irving Spear	5.50
Murdock Dunn	7.00
Frank Boyle	.50
Barbara Schulze	.50
Tracy Eaton	2.50
Fred Whitaker	1.00

Douglas Stuart	1.00
Porter Washburn	1.50
H. E. Whitaker	1.50
Joseph Luke	1.00
Allen Eastman	.50

Total	31.00
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Vital Statistics

Dwight L. Dimock (1945 year)	4.50
Dwight L. Dimock (1946 year)	8.00

Total	12.50
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Town Maintenance

Summer Roads

Irving Spear, Road Agent	
Sections 1 and 3	2,270.72
Arthur Williams, Road Agent	
Section 2	1,166.98

Total for Summer Roads	3,437.70	3,437.70
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Winter Roads

Irving Spear, Road Agent	
Section 1 and 3	472.70
Arthur Williams	
Section 2	892.56
Toivo Kivimaki	
Sections 1 and 3	1,095.73
Greenville Grain Co., road salt	50.00
Laurel Park Service Station,	
Tractor Anti-Freeze and Oil	12.96
Rhea Williams,	
Tractor gas and oil	5.88
Curtis V. Dunn, tractor oil	4.00

Total for Winter Roads	2,533.83	2,533.83
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Total for Winter and Summer Roads	5,971.53
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Street Lighting

Greenville Electric Lighte Co.	75.60
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General Expenses of Highway Department

Toivo Kivimaki, plow repairs	10.00
Toivo Kivimaki, scraper repairs	31.20
John Kivimaki, plow repairs	31.60
John H. Laitala, plow repairs	35.25
Arthur E. Crocker, plow repairs	45.00
Arthur E. Crocker, scraper repairs	5.00
Motor Tire Service Co., plow repairs	5.25
Ernest Gagnon, Angle Iron	7.00
Carl Valyou, labor, plow repairs	4.00
Arthur Williams, labor, plow repairs	9.00
Ed. La Roche, labor, plow repairs	5.60
Richard Spear, 2 sets plow shoes	20.00
R. F. Powell, misc. tools	4.50
C. L. Webster, misc. road tools	10.65
Henry P. Gainey, tractor insurance	48.50
Total	272.55

Library

C. W. Anderson, Treasurer	
Library Trustees	125.00

Old Age Assistance

State of New Hampshire	688.51
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Memorial Day

Veterans of Foreign Wars	87.00
Finnerty and Goddard, 60 flags	10.00
The County Stores, rope	3.00
Total	100.00

Parks and Playgrounds

Robert Hill, mowing Common	4.00
James Hill, mowing Common	2.00
Norman Hill, mowing Common	2.00
Kenneth Hill, mowing Common	2.00
Murdock Dunn, mowing Common	2.00
C. G. Wharff, mowing Common	9.00
Total	21.00

Cemeteries

Curtis V. Dunn, labor	11.80	
Frank Newell, labor	27.30	
Arnold Crosscup, labor	4.90	
E. La Roche, labor	5.60	
C. G. Wharff, labor	45.90	
C. G. Wharff, seed	1.96	
Arthur Williams, truck	11.60	
Total		109.06

Taxes Bought by the Town

Alice Berry, 1944 tax	66.73*	
Alice Berry, 1945 tax	94.73	
Effie Sawtelle, 1945 tax	17.76	
Pat Tighe Heirs, 1945 tax	51.85*	
Carl Farrar, 1945 tax	19.15*	
Total		250.22

*Redeemed during fiscal year.

Partially redeemed during fiscal year by Ray Akerman.

Interest**Townsend National Bank****Interest on temporary loans**

By Selectmen's voucher	19.34
By Bank debit	36.75

Wilton National Bank

Int. on tractor loan of \$1,000	6.50
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62.59

State Aid Construction**Treasurer, State of New Hampshire**

Town Share of Turnpike Construction	761.29
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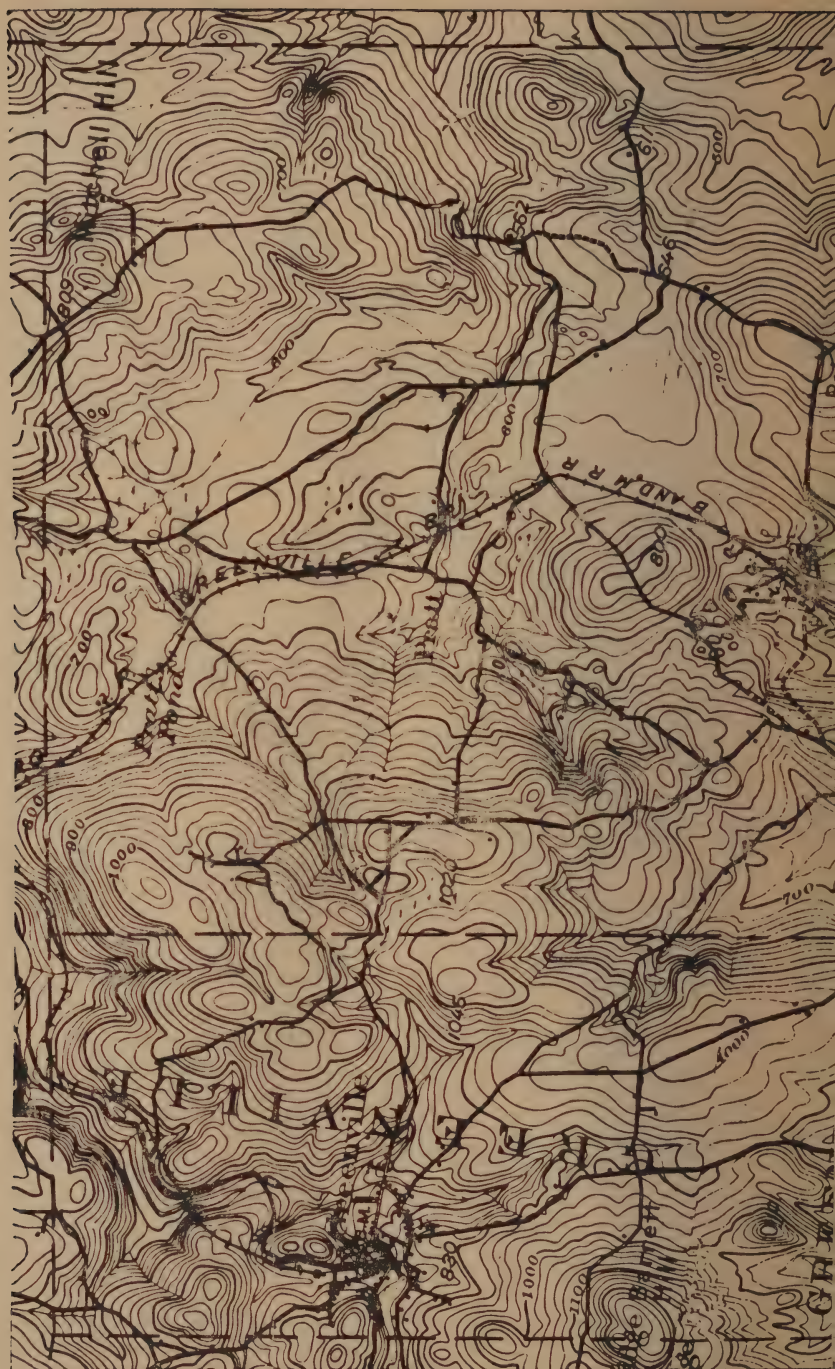
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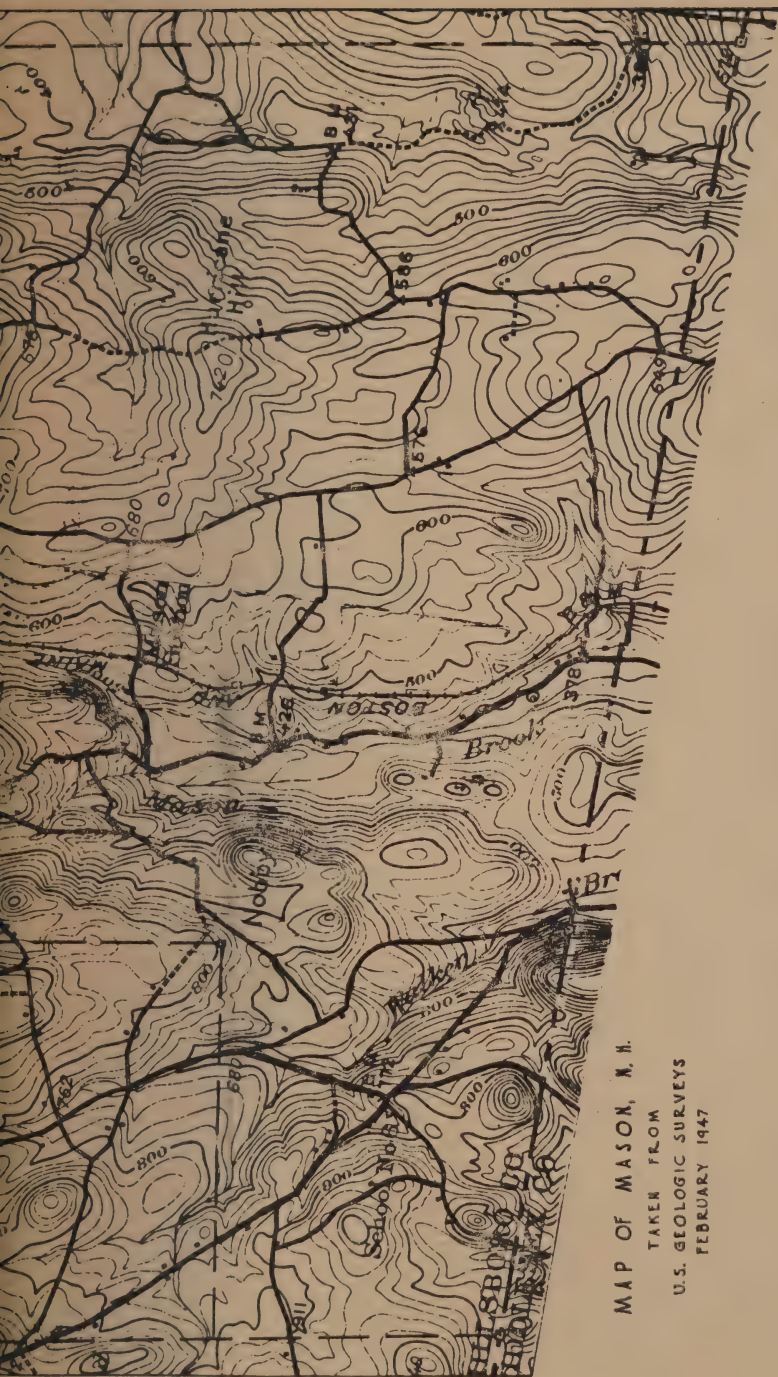
Monadnock Region Association

1946 Town Dues	25.00
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Workmens' Insurance

Henry P. Gainey, Agent	233.29
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MAP OF MASON, N. H.
TAKEN FROM
U.S. GEOLOGIC SURVEYS
FEBRUARY 1947

New Equipment

R. C. Hazelton Co. for lease of tractor-plow, against purchase	1,000.00
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Temporary Loans

Townsend National Bank	5,000.00
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

Treasure, State of New Hampshire	
Special poll taxes, 1944	3.00
Special poll taxes, 1945, and interest	99.56
Arthur O. Phaneuf, County Treasurer	
1946 County tax	1,210.04
Collector of Internal Revenue	
1945 Withholding tax	6.90
1946 Withholding tax	27.60

Totals	1,347.10	1,347.10
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School District

Balance of 1945 appropriation,
(For year, June 1945—June 1946)

Total appropriation made at School meeting, Mar. 13, 1945	4,000.00
Paid to School District during 1945	1,000.00
	3,000.00

Above balance paid during 1946	3,000.00
1945 dog tax paid	87.72

Total appropriations made at School meeting Mar. 12, 1946,	
For year June 1946—June 1947	3,556.00
Paid to School District during 1946	1,000.00

Carried as liability in this year's financial report	2,556.00
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4,087.72	4,087.72
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ROAD AGENTS' REPORTS

REPORT OF IRVING SPEAR

SUMMER—SECTIONS 1 and 3

March

Harold Miller, truck, 1 day @ \$16.80	16.80
Clyde Eaton, truck 1 day @ \$24.00	24.00
Irving Spear, labor, 1 day @ \$6.00	6.00
Roy Elliott, gravel, 48 yds. @ \$.50 yd.	24.00
Total	70.80

April

Orvan Elliott, labor, 6 days @ \$5.60	33.60
Irving Spear, labor, 10 days 5 hrs., @ \$6.00	63.75
William Butler, labor, 1 day 1 hr, @ \$5.60	6.30
Edward La Roche, labor, 1 day 1 hr. @ \$5.60	6.30
Ellsworth Brown, labor 1 day, 5 hrs. @ \$5.60	\$9.10
Harold Miller, truck, 3 days 3 hrs. @ \$16.80	56.70
James E. Tuttle, truck, 1 day 6 hrs @ \$28.80	50.40
Allan LaFrenine, truck, 3 days @ \$16.80	50.40
A. Chouinard, truck, 5 hrs @ \$16.80	10.50
A. Chouinard, truck, 1 day 7 hrs @ \$24.00	45.00
Clyde Eaton, truck, 2 days 2 hrs. @ 19.20	43.20
Clyde Eaton, truck, 1 day 6 hrs. @ \$24.00	42.00
Ellsworth Brown, truck, 1 day 2 hrs @ \$16.80	21.00
Roy Elliott, truck, 1 day 2 hrs @ \$31.20	39.00
Spear Bros., tractor, 8 days 3 hrs @ \$15.60	130.65
Spear Bros., gravel, 693 yds. @ 10c yd.	69.30
Chas. F. Dyer, truck, 4 hrs. @ \$32.00	16.00
Edward Elliott, shovel, 3 days 2 hrs. @ \$40.00	130.00
Hume Pipe of N. E. Inc.	29.37
Total	852.57

May

Orvan Elliott, labor, 2 days @ \$5.60	11.20
Irving Spear, labor 11 days, 1 hr. @ \$6.00	66.75

Alfred Spear, labor, 7 days @ \$5.60	39.20
William Butler, labor, 5 days, 4 hrs @ \$5.60	30.80
George Schulze, labor, 4 days, 1 hr. @ \$5.60	23.10
Harold Miller, truck, 1 day @ \$16.80	16.80
Richard Spear, truck, 2 hrs. @ \$1.50	3.00
Spear Bros., tractor, 8 days, 1 hr. @ \$15.60	126.75

Total	317.60
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June

Alfred Spear, labor, 9 days @ \$5.60	50.40
William Butler, labor, 6 days @ \$5.60	33.60
Ellsworth Brown, labor, 2 days @ \$5.60	11.20
Irving Spear, labor, 9 days @ \$6.00	54.00
Richard Spear, truck, 1 day @ \$12.00	12.00
Spear Bros., tractor, 7 days @ \$15.60	109.20

Total	270.40
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July

Arthur Appel, labor, 12 days, 2 hrs. @ \$5.60	68.60
William Butler, labor, 12 days, 2 hrs. @ \$5.60	68.60
Alfred Spear, labor, 15 days, 4 hrs. @ \$5.60	86.80
Irving Spear, labor, 16 days, 2 hrs. @ \$6.00	97.50
Richard Spear, labor, 3 days, 4 hrs @ \$5.60	19.60
Richard Spear, truck, 3 days, 6 hrs. @ \$12.00	45.00
Spear Bros., tractor, 4 days @ \$15.60	62.40

Total	448.50
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September

Richard Spear, truck, 7 hrs. @ \$1.50	10.50
Irving Spear, labor, 8 days, 1 hr. @ \$6.00	48.75
Alfred Spear, labor, 2 days, 2 hrs. @ \$5.60	12.60
Edward La Roche, labor, 2 days @ \$5.60	11.20
Arthur Williams, truck, 5 hrs @ \$1.50	7.50
Harold Miller, truck, 3 days, 1 hr. @ \$19.20	60.00
Harold Miller, grader, 1 day, 4 hrs. @ \$24.00	36.00
Geo. Somero, gravel, 69 yds. @ .50 yd.	34.50
Arthur Williams, rake, 5 days @ \$1.00	5.00

Irving Spear, lumber, 400 ft. @ .08 ft.	32.00
Spear Bros., tractor, 2 days @ \$15.60	31.20
Total	289.25

December

Spear Bros., tractor, 1 day @ \$15.60	15.60
Irving Spear, labor, 1 day @ \$6.00	6.00

Total	21.60
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Total for year	2,270.72
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Winter Roads

SECTION 1 and 3

Orvan Elliott, labor, 16 hrs. @ 70 hr.	11.20
Ellsworth Brown, labor, 16 hrs. @ 70 hr.	11.20
Fred Brown, labor, 8 hrs. @ 70 hr.	5.60
Arnold Crosscup, labor, 4 hrs. @ 70 hr.	2.80
Alfred Spear, labor, 55 hrs. @ 70 hr.	38.50
Irving Spear, labor 60 hrs. @ 75 hr.	45.00
Richard Spear, labor, 92 hrs. @ 70 hr.	64.40
Irving Spear, truck, 20 hrs. @ 2.50 hr.	50.00
Irving Spear, truck, plowing, 57 hrs @ \$3.00	171.00
Harry Spear, truck, 42 hrs. @ \$1.25	52.50
Richard Spear, truck, 8 hrs. @ \$1.25	10.00
Richard Spear, truck, 14 hrs. @ .75	10.50

Total	472.70
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REPORT OF TOIVO KIVIMAKI

(Prepared by Selectmen)

Winter Roads

John Kivimaki	171.50
Ray Wharff	11.20
Conroy Wharff	2.80
Curtis V. Dunn	30.80

Chas. Butler	4.90	
Clyde Eaton	260.00	
R. Robichaud	15.75	
Roy Elliott	37.28	
Town of New Ipswich	25.00	
Toivo Kivimaki	372.00	
Carl Valyou	37.80	
J. Anderson	7.70	
James Bell	12.25	
Raymond Bell	1.40	
Irving Spear	32.90	
Arnold Crosscup	19.60	
R. Proctor	2.80	
Frank Newell	1.40	
Irving Flagg	7.35	
Harry Spear	7.00	
Frank Boyle	6.30	
E. Whitaker	1.40	
M. Whittier	14.00	
R. Whittier	10.50	
Fred Brown	2.10	
Total		1,095.73

REPORT OF ARTHUR WILLIAMS

SUMMER ROADS—SECTION II

March

A. Williams, truck, 1 day, 5 hrs.	9.75	
A. Williams, grader, 3 days, 1 hr.	56.25	
Ray Langelli, labor, 1 day, 5 hrs.	9.10	
Ray Wharff, labor, 2 hrs.	1.40	
Eddie La Roche, labor, 2 days, 1 hr.	11.90	
Bill Butler, labor, 2 days, 1 hr.	11.90	
A. Williams, labor, 4 days, 6 hrs.	28.50	

128.80

April

Ed. Elliott, shovel, 5 hrs.	25.00
A. Williams, gravel	43.12
Chainard, truck, 22 hrs.	66.00
H. Miller, truck, 9 hrs.	18.90
A. Williams, labor, 4 days, 5½ hrs.	28.13
James Tuttle, truck, 5 hrs.	18.00
Clyde Eaton, trucks, 10 hrs.	27.00
La Fournier, truck, 13 hrs.	27.30
A. Williams, grader, 4 days, ½-hour	73.13
Eddie La Roche, labor, 6 days, 5 hrs.	37.10
Bill Butler, labor, 6 days, 5 hrs.	37.10
George Frost, Labor, 1 day, 1 hr.	6.30

407.08

May

A. Williams, grader, 7 days, 7 hrs.	141.75
Orvan Elliott, labor, 4 days, 4 hrs.	25.20
Bill Butler, labor, 3 days, 6 hrs.	21.00
A. Williams, labor, 10 days, 4 hrs.	63.00
Ed. La Roche, labor, 6 days, 6 hrs.	37.80
A. Williams, truck, 3 days, 5 hrs.	21.75

310.50

June

A. Williams, grader, 1 day, 1 hr.	20.25
A. Williams, truck, 4 days	24.00
Orvan Elliott, labor, 6 days, 7 hrs.	38.50
Eddie La Roche, labor, 1 day, 3 hrs.	7.70
A. Williams, labor, 3 days, 1 hr.	18.75
Bill Butler, labor, 7 hrs.	4.90

114.10

July

A. Williams, grader, 2 days, 4 hrs.	45.00
Roy Elliott, gravel	26.25
A. Williams, rake	2.00
Orvan Elliott, labor, 8 days, 5 hrs.	48.30

Eddie La Roche, labor, 5 days, 4 hrs.	30.80	
A. Williams, labor, 4 days, 2 hrs.	25.50	
A. Williams, truck, 1 day, 6 hrs.	10.50	
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August

A. Williams, grader, 5 hrs.	11.25	
A. Williams, labor, 5 hrs.	3.75	
Eddie La Roche, labor, 4½ hrs.	3.15	
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Summer Roads—Total	1,166.98
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Winter Roads — Section II

Joe Thomas, labor, 1 day, 4 hrs.	8.40	
Irving Spear, labor, 3 hrs.	2.10	
H. Miller, truck, 3 hrs.	6.00	
Orvan Ellitt, labor 4 days, ½-hr.	22.75	
Eddie La Roche, labor, 10 days, 4 hrs.	58.80	
A. William, plow, 20 days, 4 hrs.	408.75	
Roy Elliott, sand	14.35	
A. Williams, sand truck, 4 days, 2 hrs.	53.75	
Dick Spear, labor, 6 days, 4 hrs.	36.40	
Frank Newell, labor, 7 days, 1 hr.	39.90	
A. Williams, truck, 2 days, 7 hrs.	17.25	
Ray Wharff, labor, 6 days, 7½ hrs.	38.85	
Bill Butler, labor, 7 days	39.20	
A. Williams, labor, 20 days, 3 hrs.	122.26	
Curt Dunn, labor, 4 days, 2 hr.	23.80	
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

G. W. Wharff, Treasurer

January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946

Boynton Common School Fund

Receipts

Jan. 2—Nashua Trust Co., int.	14.85
Jan. 2—Dartmouth Sav. Bank, int.	20.00
Apr. 1—Keene Sav. Bank, int.	26.94
July 2—Dartmouth Sav. Bank, int.	20.00
Oct. 1—Keene Sav. Bank, int.	21.55
Oct. 4—Mason Village Sav. Bank, int.	124.52

227.86

Payments

Harriett Whitaker, School District Treasurer

Jan. 2—Nashua Trust Co., int.	14.85
Jan. 2—Dartmouth Sav. Bank, int.	20.00
Apr. 1—Keene Sav. Bank, int.	26.94
July 2—Dartmouth Sav. Bank, int.	20.00
Oct. 1—Keene Sav. Bank, int.	21.55
Oct. 4—Mason Village Sav. Bank, int.	124.52

227.86

Funds Invested

Dartmouth Sav. Bank	2,000.00
Keene Sav. Bank	2,155.70
Nashua Trust Co.	1,951.14
Mason Village Sav. Bank	4,956.23

11,063.07

Stearns Common School Bequest

Receipts

Apr. 6—Mason Village Sav. Bank, int.	68.36
Apr. 6—Government Bond, int.	62.50
Oct. 4—Government Bond, int.	62.50
Dec. 9—Mason Village Sav. Bank, int.	68.36

261.72

Payments

Harriett Whitaker, School District Treasurer	
Apr. 8—Mason Village Sav. Bank, int.	68.36
Apr. 8—Government Bond, int.	62.50
Oct. 4—Government Bond, int.	62.50
Dec. 13—Mason Village Sav. Bank, int.	68.36

261.72

Funds Invested

Government Bond	5,000.00
Mason Village Savings Bank	5,469.36

10,469.36

Cemetery Fund

Jan. 1—Balance in Bank	3,204.33
Dec. 9—Mason Village Sav. Bank, int.	80.52

3,284.85

Payments

Dec. 9—C. G. Wharff, cemetery trustee	80.52
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Dec. 31—Balance in Bank	3,204.33
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C. G. WHARFF, Treasurer

Town Trustees

Perpetual Funds

Dunster	100.00
Vernon Eaton	100.00
William Adams	100.00
Rhoda Barrett	200.00
James March	50.00
Ai Richards	50.00
Joseph A. Morse	200.00
Joseph Mitchell	100.00
William Campbell	200.00
Amos Flagg	100.00
Ebepezer Hill	100.00

George Crowe	100.00
Lucy J. Lawrence	100.00
Asa Brooks Hodgman	100.00
Charles Farwell	100.00
Samuel Ingalls	100.00
Lukes Adams	100.00
Henry P. Adams	100.00
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	100.00
Annie Scripture Hill	100.00
Jane Allison	100.00
George E. Germer	100.00
James H. Dixon	100.00
Martha J. Jones	200.00
Daniel Goodwin	100.00
Charles W. Tarbell	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pickering	100.00
Abbie J. Prescott, annual care	100.00

3,100.00

REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

C. G. Wharff, Treasurer

Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946

Perpetual Care Receipts

Dates	Amounts
Dec. 9 From Town Trustees	80.52

Payments	
C. G. Wharff, care of lots	80.52

80.52

Care of Cemeteries

Payments

Mar.	30	Arnold Crosscup	4.90
	30	Frank Newell	4.90
	30	Curtis Dunn	2.80
	30	C. G. Wharff	4.90
Apr.	20	Frank Newell	9.10
	20	C. G. Wharff	12.60
Aug.	26	Curtis Dunn	9.00
	26	Frank Newell	5.60
	26	C. G. Wharff	6.80
Sept.	23	Frank Newell	7.70
	23	C. G. Wharff	21.60
	23	Grass Seed	1.96
	23	Eddie La Roche	5.60
	23	A. Williams	11.60

109.06

Receipts

Received from Selectmen 109.06

1946

Jan.	1	Cemetery Fund in bank	77.50
Dec.	31	Cemetery Fund in bank	77.50

REPORT OF TREASURER OF LIBRARY

TRUSTEES

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1946

Receipts		
Balance from last year	25.51	
Town appropriation	125.00	
Gifts	16.96	
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		167.47
Expenditures		
Librarian	37.00	
For janitor service	6.00	
Insurance	25.00	
Library supplies	7.00	
Electrician—Labor and supplies	5.96	
To Library Book House for books	71.64	
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		152.60
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Balance on hand, January 1, 1947		14.87

C. W. ANDERSON

Treasurer

ALICE S. BERRY

GERTRUDE F. HOUGHTON

C. W. ANDERSON

Trustees

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

Much activity has been experienced by the Library during the past year. One thousand, nine hundred and seventy-two books were circulated during the period, and one hundred and thirty-eight books were added to our stock. Of this latter number, fifty-two were purchased from Town Funds, thirteen were given to us by State Aid, and the remaining seventy-two were the gift of twelve friends. An additional five books have been promised by State Aid as part of this year's gift, but had not yet arrived when this report was submitted.

An analysis of our circulation during the past year reveals some interesting facts. Contrary to popular opinion, it is not only the summer months that enjoy a heavy circulation. During the past year the months of March, April, and May saw the heaviest circulation, which is a sure indication that it is our regular year-round residents, not transient visitors that profit most from the library.

Another interesting fact revealed by checking the circulation is that about 50% of our patrons are school children, and that the children read, not only for pleasure, but for information as well. Such use of the library by our children is, of course, of great value to them, not only in what they obviously get out of the books, but in what they learn of the responsibilities and privileges of a public institution. In addition the children have been largely instrumental in delivering adult books to their parents. We have this year begun the development of a department for juvenile non-fiction, and will enlarge it as rapidly as our means may permit.

An all-out effort has been made for some time now to fill in a complete file of Town reports from their very

earliest publication, and we are very happy to report that at this time, thanks to the active interest of several residents, we have very nearly achieved a complete file.

Many, many thanks are in order to all who have done so much for the Library during the past year. The donors of books included: C. W. Anderson, S. Davis, Mrs. D. Dimock, Mrs. J. E. Driver, Mrs. R. E. Henderson, Mrs. D. M. Houghton, Miss E. O. Jones, Mrs. Maude Lawrence, Maralyn Mace, and Mrs. H. E. Whitaker. In addition our thanks go to Miss S. Beatham for the subscription to the Readers' Digest, to Mrs. H. E. Whitaker for the gift of her Life magazines, and to Mrs. D. M. Houghton for the American, and H. S. Sluman for the Nat'l Geo graphic. We also appreciate the added comfort of two electric heaters which have been loaned us for the winter. And the librarian would like to express her personal gratitude to the several women who served the library so cheerfully and well during her prolonged absence.

Respectfully submitted,

PAULE DONDALE ELLIOTT,

Librarian.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Trustees of Trust Funds, Trustees of Cemeteries, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Library Trustees, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

VIRGINIA MILLER,

Auditor

February 28, 1947

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Moderator	
CONRAY G. WHARFF	March, 1947
Clerk	
MRS. ALICE BERRY	March, 1947
Treasurer	
MRS. HARRIET F. WHITTAKER	June, 1947
School Board	
MRS. ROSE S. EATON	March, 1947
MRS. HARRIET L. WRIGHT	March, 1948
MRS. FRANCES E. DUNHAM	March, 1949

Superintendent

VERNON S. AMES
Wilton, N. H.

Teachers for 1946-1947

Miss Bessie Sutherland until October 21.
Miss Virginia Miller
Miss Elsie F. Wheeler, Music.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1946-1947:

January 6 to March 21	11 weeks
April 7 to June 13	10 weeks
Holiday: May 30.	

1947-1948:

September 3 to November 25	12 weeks
December 1 to December 19	3 weeks
January 5 to March 19	11 weeks
April 5 to June 11	10 weeks
Holidays: November 11 and May 31.	

SCHOOL WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Mason, County of Hillsborough, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 11th day of March, 1947, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.

Given under our hands at said Mason this twentieth day of February, 1947.

HARRIET L. WRIGHT

ROSE S. EATON

FRANCES E. DUNHAM

School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

HARRIET L. WRIGHT

ROSE S. EATON

FRANCES E. DUNHAM

School Board

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

July 1, 1945 to June 30, 1946

SALARIES OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

Alice B. Dimock	25.00	
Rose S. Eaton	25.00	
Harriet L. Wright	25.00	
Harriet E. Whitaker, Treasurer	25.00	
Theresa Coyne, Auditor	2.00	
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		102.00

SUPERINTENDENTS EXCESS SALARY

96.99

EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION

H. Gainey, Bond of Treasurer	7.50	
Teachers' Retirement Board	1.17	
J. Tracy, office expense	62.71	
E. C. Eastman, 500 vouchers	8.16	
V. S. Ames, telephone and postage	1.32	
Alice Dimock, telephone and postage	2.88	
H. Whitaker, telephone and postage	2.96	
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		86.70

TEACHERS' SALARIES

Mrs. Belle Carter	1,200.00	
Tax withheld	129.00	
Elsie F. Wheeler	175.00	
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		1,375.00

TEXT BOOKS

Row Peterson Co.	6.94	
L. W. Singer Co.	6.14	
Ginn & Co.	5.67	
Scott Foresman Co.	17.89	
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		36.64

SCHOLARS' SUPPLIES

J. B. Lippincott Co.	1.29	
Laidlow Bros.	4.63	
J. L. Hammett Co.	.67	
Gledhill Bros.	7.16	
E. E. Babb & Co.	4.47	
Am. Ed. Press	3.20	
Scott, Foresman	6.80	
V. S. Ames	1.56	
	<hr/>	29.78

FLAGS

Gledhill Bros., 1 flag 5'x8'	4.87	
V. S. Ames, rope	.60	
	<hr/>	5.47

OTHER EXPENSES OF INSTRUCTION

J. G. Tracy, tests	4.85	
Buckley Cardy Co., book	.87	
Sugar Ball Press, book	1.53	
	<hr/>	7.25

JANITOR SERVICE

Mrs. Belle Carter	100.00
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FUEL

Wm. Doonan,		
5 cds. wood @ \$17.00 a cd.	85.00	
Piling in the shed	3.00	
	<hr/>	88.00

WATER, LIGHT AND JANITOR SUPPLIES

Greenville Electric Lighting Co.	24.00	
Gledhill Bros., brush	1.45	
V. S. Ames, supplies	1.75	
	<hr/>	27.20

MINOR REPAIRS AND EXPENSES

Ralph Emerson, painting and repairs	144.70	
The County Stores, lock	1.00	
E. E. Babb & Co., pipe	3.53	
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MEDICAL INSPECTION

Dr. Harlan Karr, exam. of children	10.00	
V. S. Ames, First Aid Kits	.59	
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TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS

Curtis Dunn,		
127 days at \$5.00 a day	635.00	
49 days at \$7.00 a day	343.00	
Greenville School District,		
1 pupil, 1 year	36.00	
	<hr/>	1,014.00

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Townsend, Mass. H. S.,		
8 pupils, 1 yr. at \$115	1,005.40	
1 pupil, 27 weeks		
Milford, N. H. H. S., 1 pupil	18.75	
	<hr/>	1,024.15

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TUITION

Greenville, N. H., 1 pupil, 1 yr.	36.00
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OTHER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

E. E. Babb Co., 1 soft ball	.70
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INSURANCE

Tracy Eaton, Agent	63.50
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NEW EQUIPMENT

Scott, Foresman	5.68
Per Capita Tax	36.00
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Total expenditures	4,294.88

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

July 1, 1946 to January 31, 1947

Salaries of District officers	77.00
Superintendent's excess salary	95.29
School census	5.00
Expenses of Administration	84.83
Teachers' salaries	753.46
Text books	94.03
Scholars' supplies	20.86
Janitor's service	60.00
Fuel	80.80
Water, light and janitor supplies	12.00
Minor repairs	39.05
Medical inspection	24.02
Transportation	733.20
High School tuition	287.50
Elementary tuition	174.00
Retirement fund	55.00
Per capita tax	38.00
New equipment	4.93
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	2,638.97

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET L. WRIGHT

ROSE S. EATON

FRANCES E. DUNHAM

School Board

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Mason, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, and find them correctly and properly vouched.

July 16, 1946

ALICE B. DIMOCK,
Auditor, Pro Tem.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1946

Cash on hand June 30, 1945	\$313.86	
Received from Selectmen:		
Appropriation for current year	4,000.00	
Dog tax	87.72	
Received from Trustees of Trust Funds:		
Income from funds	633.38	
Received from State Treasurer:		
State Aid	23.17	
Received from all other sources	29.08	
	<hr/>	5,087.21
Less School Board orders paid		4,294.88
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		792.33

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET E. WHITAKER,

July 11, 1946

District Treasurer

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Mason, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946 and find them correct in all respects.

ALICE B. DIMOCK,
(Auditor Pro tem.)

July 16, 1946

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1947-1948

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1947.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Support of Schools:

Teachers' salaries	1,700.00	
Textbooks	100.00	
Scholars' supplies	60.00	
Flags and appurtenances	5.00	
Other expenses of instruction	20.00	
Janitor service	120.00	
Fuel	125.00	
Light and Janitor's supplies	40.00	
Minor repairs and expenses	100.00	
Health supervision	25.00	
Transportation of pupils	1,600.00	
Elementary tuition	252.00	
	<hr/>	4,147.00

Other statutory requirements:		
Salaries of district officers		
(fixed by District)	102.00	
Truant officer and census		
(fixed by District)	5.00	
Superintendent's excess salary		
(fixed by Supervisory Union)	95.00	
Expenses of administration	90.00	
Payment of tuition in high schools and		
academies (estimated by School		
Board)	575.00	
Per Capita tax (reported by		
State Treasurer)	34.00	
Fixed charges—teachers' retirement	8.75	
		909.75
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Total amount required to meet School		
Board's Budget		5,056.75

ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT

Dog Tax	80.00	
Income from Trust Funds	600.00	
Estimated balance June 30, 1947	200.00	
Total estimated income		880.00

Assessment required to balance	
School Board's Budget	4,176.75

If the local school should be closed and all pupils transferred to the Greenville school we estimate that there would be a saving of \$675.00. In that case the assessment would be \$3,500.

HARRIET L. WRIGHT

ROSE S. EATON

FRANCES E. DUNHAM

School Board

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Mason:

I respectfully submit my twenty-fourth annual report as your Superintendent of School.

OUTLOOK FOR EDUCATION

The State Board of Education with the leadership of the new Commissioner of Education has carefully drawn up a new plan for state aid, and suggested a largely increased legislative appropriation to make it effective. The Interim Commission authorized by the 1945 Legislature has made an exhaustive study of public education in New Hampshire and their report further emphasizes the need of largely increased state aid to the local school districts.

The state aid plan in use since 1919, providing for elementary schools only, was based on a very complicated formula which was difficult to apply and unsatisfactory in its administration. Furthermore the legislative appropriation was seldom sufficient to cover the requirements of the law.

The proposed plan, which would give state aid for support of high school as well as elementary is embodied in a bill now under consideration in the Legislature. It sets up a simple formula allowing a fixed sum of money for each pupil attending school in any given school district. Two kinds of state aid are proposed; first, an **Equalization Fund** to supply any district with the money it needs for support of high and elementary schools beyond the amount of a local tax of \$6.00 on each \$1,000 of equalized valuation; second a **General Fund** to supply to **every school district** in the state a certain sum of money for each child attending school.

These funds must be provided by legislative appropriations; in case such appropriation is not sufficient, provision is made to supply the **Equalization aid** first and to distribute the remainder as **General aid** proportionally.

The reason for the proposed new plan and its justification are to be found in a comparison of New Hampshire with the other states of the Union. New Hampshire is the fourth lowest state in the percentage of state aid furnished the local school units, providing only 7% of the local costs of elementary schools as compared with a national average of 35%. New Hampshire is the only state not now providing state aid for high school costs.

Education is universally recognized as a responsibility which the state cannot escape by throwing the entire burden of costs upon local real estate taxation,—a burden so unequal that it amounted to a tax ranging all the way from \$3.73 per \$1,000 in one town to \$32.41 in another town in the school year 1944-45.

A citizenry made up of people enlightened through universal education is the only sure guarantee for the protection of the American democratic principle of the dignity and worth of the individual, and is as necessary as adequate military defense. The Nation's economic security depends more upon acquired knowledge and skill than upon natural resources. Democracy is constantly threatened by hostile alien political, economic and social theories that can be defeated only by vigilant, constant efforts comparable to those that won the war, in which every individual has a responsibility and a contribution to make.

In such a citizenry no less than a complete high school education for every mentally competent child is sufficient. No less than the very best teaching will assure such a degree of intelligence. The most competent persons who have

the understanding and skill to discover and intelligently stimulate and develop the talents of children. The practitioner of no other profession needs more highly specialized knowledge, more technical precision and artistic skill, than the teacher.

Against this conception of the ideal as a background, let us look at the present condition: more than a third of the nation's 900,000 teachers have quit teaching entirely since 1939; 60,000 vacancies have not been filled at all and 109,000 persons lacking the full qualifications for teaching certificates have been employed on emergency permits. Nearly 500 such persons are now teaching in New Hampshire.

The end of the war brought no relief, and there will be no relief until persons of high native ability can be attracted to the teacher training institutions in much greater numbers, and there receive a full four year training. Such persons will not be keen to invest four years in this training unless they can expect rewards, in terms of money and satisfactions, that are comparable to those in other occupations requiring a like amount of training.

SALARIES

Last year I reported that a survey of current salaries of elementary teachers in New Hampshire showed that in towns with less than 600 population, sixteen were paying less than \$1200 and eleven were paying from \$1400 to \$1500. A like survey this year shows only four towns paying less than \$1200. \$1400 to \$1500 is the minimum salary in twenty-seven towns, and the maximum salary in thirty-two towns. Nine towns are paying from \$1600 to \$1800. The five towns in this group in our Union are paying from \$1200 to \$1650.

Towns whose population ranges from 600 to 1000 are

paying elementary teachers from \$1200 to \$2100, except that six pay less than \$1200.

Towns whose population ranges from 1000 to 1500 pay from \$1200 to \$2000 with none less than \$1200.

Towns whose population ranges from 1500 to 2500 are paying from \$1350 to \$2340 with none less than \$1300.

The survey shows that there was a definite upward trend of salaries from last year to this, and at this moment many New Hampshire towns are granting further increases for the current year ranging from \$200 to \$400.

BUDGET

The budget presented for the school year 1947-48 is based upon the supposition that a teacher will be available to continue a school in Mason for the first six grades and that the seventh and eighth grades will continue going to Greenville, however, it is extremely doubtful if a competent teacher will be available. This creates a situation which should be considered very carefully by the voters at the March meeting and in this connection it is estimated that there would be a probable saving of around \$675 in total costs if all the pupils were carried to Greenville.

The items in the budget presented are based on present costs and estimated increased costs for next year. The teachers' salaries situation is such that it would not be wise to allow less than \$1500 for the regular teacher plus \$200 for the music teacher. Textbooks have cost \$86.00 so far this year and as many more will be needed at a higher price for next year. Janitor's service is estimated at this year's cost of \$120.00. Minor repairs including proper maintenance of toilet facilities will probably cost \$100. Transportation is costing \$1600 this year and would presumably cost the same amount next year. As nearly as we can

estimate there will be seven pupils going to Greenville in elementary grades and tuition will cost \$252. Also as nearly as we can estimate there will be five pupils attending Townsend High School at a cost of \$575. Expense of administration is estimated at \$90. Last year's figure of \$140 included teacher retirement assessment which is now placed in a separate item called, "Fixed Charges" and will amount to \$8.75.

The estimated income of the district consists of the dog tax of \$80 and income from Trust Funds of \$600, approximately the same amounts as received last year. We anticipate a balance of \$200 at the close of the school year. The assessment required to balance the budget will be \$4176.75, however, if it is thought best to close the school and send all the elementary school pupils to Greenville an assessment of \$3500 will be sufficient.

MEDICAL INSPECTION

Medical inspection was done by Dr. Karr and Mrs. Gilbert in December and they report as follows:

Number of pupils examined	19
Number of defects found:	
Teeth	7
Tonsils	2
Glands	2
Pediculosis	4

Vision and hearing tests were made last May revealing two cases of defective vision and no cases of defective hearing.

Toxoid booster shots for prevention of Diphtheria were given to eighteen pupils in December.

Respectfully submitted,

VERNON S. AMES,

January 28, 1947

Superintendent of Schools.

STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1946

Census: Boys, 9; Girls 12. Total 21.

Enrollment by Grades									
Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Center	3	1	2	1	2	1	0	0	10

Elsewhere:	Townsend High School	10
	Milford High School	1
	Greenville Public School	1
	Sacred Heart Parochial	6

Attendance					
School	Average Member- ship	Average Attend- ance	% of Attend- ance	Total	Tardiness Per Pupil
Center	10.97	10.36	94.44	4	.40

Visits:

By School Board Members	4
By Superintendent	25
By Citizens	60

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Two Terms: Joyce Williams, Arthur Williams.

One Term: Murdock Dunn, Ellen Koivula, Ruth Knudson

STATISTICS FOR FIRST EIGHTEEN WEEKS OF 1946-47

Census: (Ages 5-16) Boys 16; Girls 21. Total 37.

Attending school in Mason	23
Attending school in Greenville	10
Attending high school in Townsend	5
Attending high school in Milford	1

Enrollment by Grades							
Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Pupils	3	6	3	6	4	1	23

Attendance				
	Average Member- ship	Average Attend- ance	% of Attend- ance	Tardi- nesses
Center School	21.44	19.39	90.04	28

VITAL STATISTICS

January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946, Inc.

BIRTHS

Leighford Clinton Rines—January 6, 1946.
Prudence Ann Clap—June 1, 1946.
Waunita Elaine Eastman—September 7, 1946.
Victoria Laura Elliott—September 10, 1946.
James Porter Washburn—November 17, 1946.

MARRIAGES

Conray Hall Wharff and Helen Jadwiga Dzwonkowski—
January 20, 1946.
Wilford A. Hill and Lina F. Seabury—July 24, 1946.
Bruce Stevens Winters and Katheryn May Warren—
August 11, 1946.
Asser Oliver Ilomaki and Vivian May Olson—
October 5, 1946.
Irving Milton Spear and Marion Rachel Brundage—
October 19, 1946.

DEATHS

Frank H. Reynolds—March 15, 1946.
Katherine Treble—May 2, 1946.
Susan Evelyn Noble—May 4, 1946.
Bessie May Tarbell Barnes—July 8, 1946.
Bessie Carothers—August 24, 1946.
Victoria Laura Elliott—September 12, 1946.
Melvin Eugene Barney—Died at Middletown, Conn. Dec.
27, 1944—Disinterred—Buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery,
April 20, 1945. (Entered by request.)

Help Your Forest Fire Warden Prevent Fires.

IT PAYS !

1. Use ordinary common sense with fire in and near woodland.
2. Comply with requirements on the use of fire in and near woodland and when the ground is not covered with snow, secure written permission to burn from the forest fire warden.
3. Be careful when smoking in or near woodlands.
Don't throw lighted material from moving vehicles.
4. Cooperate with and assist the warden and urge others to do so.
5. **HELP YOUR FOREST FIRE WARDEN PREVENT FIRES** — his efforts are only as effective as is the cooperation you give him !

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